

## WSDOT Wetland Banking Program Oversight Committee Meeting

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2000  
9:00 am-12:00 pm  
Department of Ecology  
Room EAO 2A

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### Draft Minutes

#### Attendees:

Barb Aberle	WSDOT
Heather Roughgarden	WSDOT
Bob Zeigler	WDFW
Lauren Driscoll	WSDOE
Jennifer Thomas	King County
Olivia Romano	Army Corp of Engineers
Joan Cabreza	EPA
Bill Leonard	WSDOT
Emily Teachout	USFWS

#### Action Items

Each signatory agency needs to respond in writing on the following items as soon as possible, and **no later than December 4<sup>th</sup> 2000**.

**Concurrence points:** (accept or recommend modifications needed for acceptance.)

- 1) Draft meeting minutes provide a clear and accurate record of the discussions and decisions which took place at the meeting.
- 2) Moses Lake Bank Instrument comments.
- 3) Response on who will be signatory to the bank instruments if you have not yet responded.

## Updates

Department of Ecology - There are multiple landowners near the Stilliguamish River in Snohomish County interested in developing a mitigation bank. The 600 acre site is just east of I-5. The land is zoned Agriculture 10 and in the past has been used as dairy land. The landowners at this time have no funding for banking and may pursue selling the water rights for the property to acquire funds for developing the site. Orin Barland is the main organizer. 200 acres of the site is currently being planned for subdividing as no bank development funds are available.

Ecology will be sponsoring public workshops on Wetland Mitigation Banking and the proposed state rule WAC 173-700.

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000 1-4 p.m. and 6-8:30 pm  
Dept. of Ecology Headquarters Auditorium  
Lacey  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000 1-4 p.m. and 6-8:30 pm  
Lions Hall  
Forest Park  
802 Mukilteo Blvd.  
Everett

King County - King County Parks owns a 40 acre site in the Sammamish Watershed. The site is being planned as a mitigation bank site. The site is near the mouth of Swamp Creek off of Lake Washington. Historically the site was used as blueberry fields. King County is working with Springwood Associates on this, and on identifying other potential bank sites.

Discussion of a potential site in the City of Redmond followed. This is a site at the confluence of Bear Creek and Evans Creek. The wetland is dominated by Reed Canary Grass. Keller is the landowner. Historically the site has been used as pasture.

In-lieu-fee Federal Register - There was some discussion on this being fairly flexible. It is similar to a banking agreement. If there is a bank it advises that a bank be used, unless it is a preservation bank. In Louisiana the in-lieu-fee process is used rather than banking.

## **Moses Lake Update**

WSDOT received comments from EPA, WDFW, USFWS, Army Corp, and Ecology. We are waiting for comments from Ron Friez WDFW. The site has been listed with Heritage Corridors as a Watchable Wildlife site. WSDOT will be coordinating with local schools to do some monitoring. Also the local Autobon Society will be coordinated with for bird surveys. The open water area varies in depth from 4-6 feet. Final location of the observation area is unknown. Some discussion followed on education credits. WSDOT will develop rationale for education credits. WSDOT is currently planning to go to the legislature for long-term maintenance funds for their mitigation sites. The bank instrument should be going out in two weeks with a response to the comments received.

### Signatory Authority -

Dept. of Ecology - Gordon White  
USFWS - Gary Jackson  
WDFW - Greg Huckle  
EPA - Charles E. Findley  
Army Corp - I can't remember.....  
FHWA - ??

## **Teitzel Update**

The cultural resources survey for Teitzel will occur during the week of November 20<sup>th</sup>. WSDOT will be sending out a draft instrument in the next couple of weeks. If anybody is interested in a tour of the site, please contact Heather 360-705-7132.

## **Next Meeting**

Meeting Date - Not yet scheduled.